

# BUILDERS' SUPPLY BUREAU CHARGED WITH CONTEMPT

## Charged With Contempt Because of Repeated Refusal to Answer Questions on the Witness Stand—Case Given to the Grand Jury Because of People Disappearing, Books and Minutes Disappearing and All Sorts of Irregularities Clogging the Investigation—Started Inquiry Into Brick Industry, Contractors' Protective Association and the Alleged "Towing Monopoly."

New York, Dec. 3.—Abruptly halting his inquiry into the activities of the builders' supply bureau and the association of dealers in building materials, the joint legislative committee investigating the "building trust" today turned its evidence over to the extraordinary housing grand jury, which returned indictments charging two officials of the bureau with contempt.

The indictments, directed against John A. Philbrick, former chairman of the bureau, and Joseph P. Perry, its secretary, were returned by the grand jury after the committee had refused to answer questions on the witness stand pertaining to the bureau's affairs. They were given their liberty on \$10,000 bail each.

While the legislative committee was in session, the board of estimate was conducting its own investigation of the bureau, which is estimated to have a net worth of \$1,000,000 in the city hall. Several contractors having school bus contracts, in addition to the building trust, are alleged to be in collusion with the bureau.

The committee quickly decided to discontinue its inquiry into the activities of the building materials organizations, following testimony by its accountant and typewriter experts that the minutes produced by the two associations before the committee had been tampered with and substituted for the original minutes.

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Several brick manufacturers were heard. W. K. Hammond of the city admitted that the entire output of brick makers supplying the New York market was handled by three agents, but denied that they had any control over the market.

Informal consultations between manufacturers had resulted in uniform prices for the brick business.

David Fowler, president of the Greater New York Brick company, said it had been formed to "get uniform selling prices." He started the committee when he testified that the entire output of brick makers supplying the New York market was handled by three agents, but denied that they had any control over the market.

It is reported in the village that even the shadow of death has not healed the breach between Frederick Williams, the former crown prince, and his wife. When he goes to his mother's room, spending all the time there, the doctors permit, otherwise he prefers to roam through the village and to motor to Amerongen, rather than join his other brothers in assisting their father to sue wood.

"SHIFTING BURDEN FROM THE MASS TO THE CLASS"

Teledo, Ohio, Dec. 3.—Six delegates, representing the American Federation of Labor, met today in the city hall to discuss the "shifting burden from the mass to the class."

# CABLED PARAGRAPHS

## Italian Deputies Going to Rome.

London, Dec. 3.—The Italian parliament today ratified the peace treaty with Soviet Russia by a large majority, says a dispatch to the Central News from Moscow.

## Finland Ratifies Peace Treaty.

London, Dec. 3.—The Finnish parliament today ratified the peace treaty with Soviet Russia by a large majority, says a dispatch to the Central News from Helsinki.

## PLEAS FOR IRELAND BEFORE ECONOMIC CLUB, PROVIDENCE

Providence, Dec. 3.—Drawing an analogy between Cuba and Ireland, Judge Daniel F. Cahalan of New York declared that Ireland is in Cuba in the interests of humanity.

## Testimony as to the activities of the contractors' protective association, an organization of forty-seven excavators, sand, trucking, and housewrecking contractors, was given by Thomas E. McLaughlin, secretary, who also produced the association's minutes.

## George S. Backer Tells Court His Life Story

New York, Dec. 3.—George S. Backer, millionaire builder on trial on a charge of perjury in testimony before the joint legislative committee investigating the alleged building trust today told the court his life story. He landed in America as an immigrant boy with only \$11.

## DISPUTE AT HEARING ON AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

Washington, Dec. 3.—The congressional joint committee hearing on the agricultural situation developed today into a dispute, at times quite heated, between Governor Harding of the federal reserve board, and members of congress.

## REDUCED TARIFFS NECESSARY FOR PROSPERITY OF CANADA

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Reduced tariffs are necessary for the prosperity of Canada, and particularly the dominion's agricultural interests, A. A. Powers, president of the United Farmers of Ontario, declared today at a hearing before the Canadian tariff commission.

## DE VALERA SUFFERS A SEVERE BILIOUS ATTACK

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 3.—Eamon De Valera, president of the Irish republic, who was confined to his bed here yesterday and today with a severe bilious attack, had recovered sufficiently tonight to leave for New York city.

## STRIKE OF BAKERS IN MEXICO IS SPREADING

Mexico City, Dec. 3.—The strike of the bakers which has virtually left Mexico City without bread spread today to Puebla, Tampico and Torreon, according to dispatches received here.

# Alleged Frauds in Sec'y Colby Leaves Pittsburgh Primary for South America

## 41 Persons Indicted, Including a Number Prominent in Political Circles.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 3.—Forty-one persons, including a number prominent in political circles here, today were indicted by a federal grand jury which investigated alleged frauds in the last primary election, the first congressional district.

## To Pay Official Visit to Governments of Brazil and Uruguay and Visit Argentina.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state, left Washington today for South America, where he was representative of President Wilson. He will pay an official visit to the governments of Brazil and Uruguay and an official visit to Argentina.

## BECKER ATTACKS ELIGIBILITY OF FEDERAL JUDGE LANDIS

Washington, Dec. 3.—An attack on the eligibility of Federal Judge Kenneth C. Landis to preside at the trial of the "building trust" was made today by a member of the House of Representatives.

## Keep the Trade Informed

Conditions are changing and it is necessary to keep the trading public in touch therewith. The condition of business depends upon the trade, and as a stimulation of trade there is nothing that can equal the advertising columns of a newspaper.

Bulletin	Telegraph	Local	General	Total
Saturday, November 27.....	110	154	384	648
Sunday, November 28.....	115	111	281	511
Monday, November 29.....	92	105	168	395
Tuesday, December 1.....	94	112	275	471
Wednesday, December 2.....	94	112	271	477
Thursday, December 3.....	122	83	282	487
Friday, December 4.....	122	83	282	487
Totals.....	635	680	1784	3099

to the supreme court of Victor L. Berger, editor of the "Workman," and four other socialist party leaders, now under conviction of having violated the espionage act. The briefs were filed today in the federal court, which on the government's motion, have been advanced to the calendar for next Monday.

## BRIDGEPORT MAN HELD FOR AUTOMOBILE THEFTS

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 3.—United States Marshal William B. Palmer today arrested "Jack" White of No. 118 Federal street, in connection with alleged theft and sale of automobiles valued at \$100,000 from the Cadillac factory in Detroit and several James C. Burroughs and Eugene F. Shanley with papers notifying them that true bills have been found against them by the federal grand jury in Detroit.

## RECORD FLYING TRIP CHICAGO TO NEW YORK

Washington, Dec. 3.—All records for flying between Chicago and New York were broken today by the air mail service, said an announcement by the post office department. J. T. Cristensen, pilot of single-engine De Havilland plane, made the distance of 742 miles in five hours and 31 minutes, actual flying time, from Chicago to New York at 8:35 a. m. and died to Cleveland, 319 miles, at the rate of 117 miles an hour. Changing planes at Cleveland, he made the flight to New York from there at an average speed of 151 miles an hour, arriving at 3:35 p. m.

## TWO NEGROES FOUND GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Goldboro, N. C., Dec. 3.—With state militiamen on duty, due to the riot and attempted lynching yesterday, the trial of two negroes for the murder of Herman Jones, a country merchant, ended tonight when the jury returned a verdict of first degree murder in the case of Harry Caldwell and Jesse Foster and to the death in the case of George Pearson, James Hill and Henry Williams. Judge Devin sentenced the two negroes to death by hanging. The other three were sentenced to life in prison and the three others to twenty years each.

# BRIEF TELEGRAMS

London bar gold was off 1 penny at 117s 4d an ounce.

Bank of England's reserve ratio fell to unprecedented figure of 7.99 per cent.

The food situation in Norway is regarded as serious owing to a railway strike.

Senate investigation into the price of synthetic oil will begin in New York today.

Directors of the Chestnut Oil Company at St. Lawrence, W. Va., agreed a 250 per cent. cash dividend.

Sugar stocks in Cuba at present total 270,000 tons, according to official figures of the Cuban government.

Alexander Dicks, formerly managing editor of the Christian Science Monitor, is dead at his home in Los Angeles.

The price of milk in the Boston market will not be reduced before January 1, the New England Milk Producers announced.

Simplified spelling has been abolished in the navy by an order from Secretary Daniels.

Women appearing officially before the supreme court in Massachusetts must do so with uncovered head.

Catholic prelates meeting in Cincinnati have effected a permanent organization of the Catholic missions of the United States.

Four armed men boarded the north-bound train from Chattanooga to Cincinnati near Oneida, filed the mail car and escaped.

Five of the 14 blast furnaces in the Sharon district are running. Independent mills are operating 50 to 60 per cent. capacity.

General Paul Vignal, who during the war was head of the French buying commission to the United States, is dead at Strasbourg.

It was announced at the White House President Wilson will be back to see President-elect Harding when he arrives in Washington.

Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, denied reports that he had obtained control of the Stuts Motor company.

Department of Commerce was notified that the Spanish import duty on luxuries was increased 15 to 200 per cent. of the present rate.

President Wilson still is at work on his annual message to congress and it was indicated that it probably would not be completed before today.

# ALLEGED SUPREMACY COUNCIL SEES PARING TO GREECE

## Would Withdraw Financial Support Should Former King Constantine Be Returned in the Plebiscite of Sunday—Have Considered Territorial Reprisals Should Constantine Be Enthroned—Allied Conference Are to Make a Formal Protest Against the Issuance by the Greek Government of 200,000,000 Drachmas in Currency.

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## FORMER KING OF GREECE NOT TO INFLUENCE PLEBISCITE

Lucerne, Switzerland, Dec. 3.—Former King Constantine of Greece after learning of the contents of the note of the allied supreme council to the Greek government, known through his chief adviser that he did not wish to say or do anything which would be construed as interfering with the free expression of the will of the Greek people in the plebiscite to be held next Sunday.

## COMMAND OF GREEK FORCES

Paris, Dec. 3.—Rumors are current at Athens according to a foreign office dispatch, that former King Constantine intends to go to Smyrna to take command of the Greek forces, particularly if he does not succeed the throne.

## COUNCIL NOTE CAUSED CONSTERNATION IN GREECE

Athens, Dec. 3.—The note sent by the British, French and Italian governments to Greece Thursday concerning the return of former King Constantine to power and the relations between them and Greece in such an event caused consternation here. It came as a complete surprise to the Greek cabinet.

## APPEALS BEING MADE TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Geneva, Dec. 3.—(By The A. P.)—The Catalans have asked the League of Nations to free them from Spanish rule. The Catalans have asked the League of Nations to free them from Spanish rule.

## DOLESHVILI HAVE ROUTED ARMY OF GEN. BALAKOVITCH

Warsaw, Dec. 3.—(By The A. P.)—The Bolsheviks have smashed all the detachments of General Bulakovich and the remnants are fleeing toward Poland.

## SAILOR MAY HEAD LEGISLATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION

Boston, Dec. 3.—"Bull" Ryan, a glib and witty Irishman, who was a sailor in the navy under the name of "Bull" Ryan, was asked today by Colonel F. W. Galbraith, national commander of the American Legion, to head the Legion's American commission.